

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 22, 37, 49 and 50 leaves claims 24, 25, 35, 36, 41, 42, 46-48 and 51-53 unchanged and cancels claims 1-21, 23, 26-34, 38-40, 43-45 and 54-60. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 22, 24, 25, 35-37, 41, 42 and 46-53.

The present Amendment amends the specification to correct minor errors grammatical and editorial in nature. These amendments are being presented by a Substitute Specification. Entry of the Substitute Specification is respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Hassenzadeh for the courtesy extended during the various telephone and personal interviews, particularly the personal interview conducted on June 15, 2004. During such interviews it was agreed that the claims of the present application would be allowable if amended to contain subject matter similar to that recited in claim 23. Examiner Hassenzadeh stated during the June 15, 2004 personal interview and at various times during the telephone interviews that subject matter similar to that recited in claim 23 when combined with independent claims 22, 49 and 50 is not taught or suggested by any of the references of record, specifically Sato (JP 7-201831), whether taken individually or in combination with each other.

The present amendment amends the independent claims 22, 49 and 50 to recite subject matter similar to that recited in claim 23. Thus, claims 22, 49 and 50 and the claims which depend from claims 22, 49 and 50 are now in condition for allowance as per Examiner Hassenzadeh. All of the remaining claims depend

directly or indirectly from independent claims 22, 49 and 50. Therefore, claims 22, 24, 25, 35-37, 41, 42 and 46-53 are all now in condition for allowance as per Examiner Hassenzadeh. Accordingly reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC §102(b) rejection of the claims as being anticipated by Sato is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 22, 24, 25, 35-37, 41, 42 and 46-53 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 22, 24, 25, 35-37, 41, 42 and 46-53 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.42439X00).

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